

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure as a separate page after the claims:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A device comprising, additionally to the main jack, a balancing jack designed to facilitate manual opening of the hood from the in a forward movement for storing luggage in the trunk, and manual closure of hood in the opposite direction. The balancing jack has its base linked to the main jack and the free end of its piston rod fixed in articulation to the hood. It is designed so as not to obstruct the operation of the main jack for automatically opening or closing the hood. The device further comprises means for actuating the balancing jack to enable the hood to be manually opened or closed.